

Amendments to Specification

Please amend the Specification by replacing first paragraph in
"Description of Related Art" to read as follows:

D Ionomers of acid copolymers of alpha olefins, particularly ethylene, and C₃₋₈ α,β ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid, have been known for a long time. U.S. Patent No. 3,264,272 (Rees) teaches methods for making such ionomers from "direct" acid copolymers. "Direct" copolymers are polymers polymerized by adding all monomers simultaneously, as distinct from a graft copolymer, where another monomer is grafted onto an existing polymer, often by a subsequent free radical reaction. A process for preparing the acid copolymers on which the ionomers are based is described in U.S. Patent No. ~~4,345,931~~ 4,351,931.
